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RU...HERE ARE THE DETAILS OF THE ~~WXX~~ CRIB DEATH STORY...IT MAY HELP YOU SE YOUR EFFORTS.

SCIENTISTS SAY THEY MAY SOON BE ABLE TO PREDICT AND POSSIBLY PREVENT INFANT CRIB DEATH BY USING NEW RESEARCH THZAT INDICATES THE MYSTERIOUS MALADY IS SPARKED BY AN ALLERGIC REACTION TO COMMON HOUSE DUST OR COW'SSMILK.

DR. CONSTANTINE J. EFTHYMIOU, A ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY MICROBIIOLOGIST , SAID WEDNESDAY SUDDENN INFANT DETXX DEATH SYNDROME, WHICH KILLS 6,000 TO 8,000 BABIES ANNUALLY IN THE U.S., COULD BE THE RESULT OF AN ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK - AN OVERWHELMING ALLERGIC REACTION.

HE AND AN ASSOCIATE, WILLIAM J. CLOSON, FOUND THAT INFANTS WHO DIE SUDDENLY IN THERXX TEXX THEIR CRIBS HAVE A SUBNORMAL IMMUNOLOGICAL SYSTN AND ARE MORE SUSPXXX SUSSCEPTIBLE TO ALLEGIES. (SORRY, SPELLING OF NAME IS CLOSSON).

"THE ALLERGIC REACTION COULD BE CAUSED BY COW'S MILK, HOUSE DUST, FUNGUS SPORES OR HOUSE DUST MITES," EFTHYMIOU SAID IN AN INTERVIEW. HE SAID THE CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR MARKINGS OF ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK WERE FOUND IN 50% OF SUDDEN INFANT DEATH CASES HE INVESTIGATED.

THIS WAS NOOT ENOUGH TO ESTABLISH A DEFINITE CONNECTION BETWEEN CRIB DEATHS AND ANAPHYLACTIIC SCXX SHOCK, HE SAID, BUT "I WOULD STRESS AT THIS TIME THE FACTS ARE HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT."

EFTHYNIOU SAID IF IT WERE PROVENN THAT CRIB DEATHS ARE CONNECTED WITH AN ALLERGIC REACTION, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO TEST INFANTS AND IDENTIFY THE ONES THAI ARE HYPERSENSITIVE AND AT A GREATER RISK OF CRIB DEATH.

SYMPTOMS OF ANAPHYLACTIC SHOC,K, OR ANAPHYLAXIS, INCLUDE A RAPID DROP IN BLOOD PRESSUER, CONSTRICTION OF BRONCHIAL TUBES, SWELLING FROM WATER RETENTIONAND DIFFICULTY IN BRETHING. ...SORRY: BREATHING

ANOTHER PAPER ON THE SAME SUBJECT, BY DR. STEPHEN S. ARNON, RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT NEWLY-RECOGNIZED TOXINS PRODUCED BY INTESTINAL BACTERIA MAY BE A CAUSE OF CRIB DEATH. ARNON SAID IT HAD EEN FOUND THAT SNALL AMOUNTS OF THE TOXINS PRODUCED SUDDEN, UNEXPLAINED DEATH WHEN INJECTED INTO INFANNT MONKEYS.

ARNON, SENIOR INVESTIGATOR WITH THE INFANT BOTULISM RESEARCH PROJECT OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF HEALTH SERVIECES IN BERKELEY, SAID THE TOXINS ARE PRODUCED BY THE BACTERIUM CLOSTRIDUXXXX CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE AND WERE "THEMOST POTENT POISONS KNOWN TO MAN."

THEY CAUSED "A RAPID, QUIET DEATH IN INFANT RHESUS MONKEYS WITHING FOUR - TEN HOURS AND DID NOT LEAVE ANY DIAGNOSTIC FEATURES AAT AUTOPSY," HE SAID. THE MANNER IN WHICH THE MONKEYS DIED, ARNON SAID, "WAS SUGGESTIVE OF THE HUMAN SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME."

HE SAID MANY PARENTS NEEDLESSLY BLAME THEMSELVES WHEN THEIR CHILD DIES N THE CRIB OF AN UNEPXXX UNEXPLAINED CAUSE. BASED OHXX ON PRESENT KNOWLEDGE, THERE IS NOTHING PARENTS CAN DO TO PREVENT SUCH DEATHS., HE SAID.

THAT'S IT...IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, DON'T HESEITATE TO ASK ! THE JOURNL'S REGULAR INFONODE TERMINAL HAS BEEN REMOVED FOR REPAIRS...THAT IS WHY I AM USING CONVERSATION MODE AND CAN'T CORRECT MISTAKES. THEREFORE, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AS TO WORDS IN THIS PIECE, PLS DON'T HESITATE TO SHOUT - THALIA ASSURAS, COMMUNICATIONS.

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